

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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Sue Stresser, North Zone District Ranger
Shoshone National Forest
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Dear Ranger Stresser,

The Shoshone chapter of the Back Country Horsemen submits a new travel management plan proposal for your consideration.

SBCH proposes that the existing Little Sunlight trailhead and corral area be closed to motorsports use and that a new campsite dedicated to the motorsports be constructed below the seasonal closure gate. This is where Spring Creek crosses Sunlight road and approximately 12 T 0605056 4946816 (UTM) map datum NAD83. Please note that this is a different location than the NZ-04 proposal.

The Little Sunlight trailhead with its corrals, tie rails, feed bunks and easily accessible stock water is a good fit for equestrians and its historical use has been equestrian and pedestrian. It is centrally located to several non-motorized trails in the area that SBCH as a co-operator has maintained and recreated on. Over the last few years it has been taken over by the motorsports folks. The two uses are incompatible and there have been several altercations between the two groups as well as overcrowding. SBCH has performed maintenance such as corral cleaning, feed bunk replacement and adding fire rings, but we have become reluctant to use this area because of the present situation. Locating a dedicated motorsports campground away from the Little Sunlight equine facility will defuse conflict and put motorsports users closer to the trails and roads they use.

The proposed new facility could be tailored specifically to the motorsports with loading ramps, campsites, toilets, parking and so forth. We understand that the NWWOHVA is very receptive to the idea of a dedicated campsite of their own and have sufficient funds to underwrite its construction. If such an arrangement were acceptable and feasible for the Forest Service, SBCH would wholeheartedly support it.

Sincerely,


Bill Lyke
President